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MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Operations, DPD/DDP

SUBJECT : Personal Equipment.

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1. The undersigned conversed via telephone with [REDACTED] of LAC on 3 April 1959 to determine the development status of the dual regulator type seat pack. The following statements are extracted from the conversation for permanent record.

A. Dual regulator seat pack status. All components have been engineered and tested individually. Results were favorable, the prototype pack assembly is being assembled and will be chamber tested during week of 6 April. Following successful completion of that phase of testing, the prototype pack will be assigned to WRSP IV for a 30 day period of flight testing. Following acceptance, another 30 day period will be required to quantity produce the assembly and affect delivery to the depot. The anticipated date of new pack availability to detachments remain as estimated by LAC in January 1959. That is, during June 1959.

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B. Interim map case emergency oxygen system. This system was authorized by D/D for project for the period awaiting availability of item par A. "B" detachment is authorized 5 units. The three units constructed by "B" detachment personnel are being recalled and 5 sound units are to be shipped by LAC O/A 10 April 1959. These 5 units are to be returned to LAC when delivery of item par 1-A. is made. *Query to [REDACTED] regarding whether the interim system should be made available to "C" detachment resulted in a negative reply. Based on the dependability of past performance of the standard U-2 oxygen system and the newly installed dual reducers in the ship's oxygen system, it was felt that the interim system could be omitted.

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2. [REDACTED] is planning a TDY to WRSP IV during latter part of April to assist in evaluating the new seat pack.

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*Components will then be returned to depot for storage as spares.